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Proposals regarding the Coringa Island project.

*1407 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to postpone the Coringa Island project;

(*b*) if so, the grounds for their decision ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table the proposals that have been made in that connexion and the orders passed thereon ?

A.—(*a*) Yes

(*b*) & (*c*) A copy of G.O. No. 2713 I., dated 16th November 1927, will be placed [a] on the table. The report of the Board of Revenue printed in that Government Order gives the reasons for which the Government have decided on postponement. Briefly they are that the project is unlikely to be productive and that it is desirable to see first how the Polavaram project works out.

Remodelling of the Thossipudi in East Godavari.

*1408 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Thossipudi channel in East Godavari has been remodelled without raising the banks so as to maintain the F.S.L. at 5·5 feet ;

(*b*) what is the level that can now be maintained with the present height of the banks ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the supply of water has been curtailed on that account and that the fields do not get sufficient supply of water ?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Second crop cultivation under the Thossipudi northern channel.

*1409 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent hitherto for remodelling the Thossipudi northern channel in the Godavari Eastern delta ;

(*b*) the area of second crop under that channel before remodelling was taken up and that after the remodelling during the last three years ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that there was a decrease in revenue under second crop demand after remodelling ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that a large extent of land irrigable by the Thossipudi channel is being irrigated by the Kaikavole channel and other sources, thereby depriving the lands under the latter of their legitimate supply ; and

(*e*) whether the said course is sought to be legitimised by changing the ayacuts of the said channels ?

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A.—(*a*) The amount spent up to the end of 1926–27 was Rs. 50,315. Later figures are not available with the Government.

(*b*) & (*c*) Information is not available.

(*d*) It is proposed to transfer 917 acres hitherto irrigated by the Kaikavole channel to the Pagdi branch of the Thossipudi channel when that has been remodelled.

(*e*) The question is not understood.

Extension of the Kistna delta by forming a high-flood channel.

* 1410 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: With reference to the answer to my question No. 907 answered on 23rd October 1927, regarding the extension of Kistna delta by forming a high-flood channel, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the local Public Works Department officers have inspected the site and taken levels or whether the opinions received from them are based on theoretical assumption;

(*b*) whether he will place on the table the reports received from the abovesaid officers;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a Tank Restoration Scheme is formed to investigate the scheme of utilizing the water in the Budameru during floods?

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of constituting a committee consisting of the local Council members and of the District Public Works Department officers to investigate thoroughly into the schemes and report the fact to the Government?

A.—(*a*) No inspection has been made recently; but the opinions given are based on known facts.

(*b*) A copy of the Superintending Engineer's note is laid on the table.[a]

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Government do not propose to appoint such a committee.

Police

Appointment of Mr. Ryan as Municipal Engineer, Trichinopoly.

* 1411 Q.—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the letter sent to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, by the Town Circle Inspector, Trichinopoly, on the 11th September 1927, and circulated by the latter to all the members of the municipal council for their guidance and necessary action, protesting against the appointment as acting Municipal Engineer of Mr. J. D. Ryan, was written by him under orders from the Inspector-General of Police or Deputy Inspector-General of Police, or the District Superintendent of Police, Trichinopoly;

(*b*) whether the charges mentioned in the above letter have been proved in a court of law;

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a Printed as Appendix III on pages 335–336 infra.